Provision of Facilities to Low-budget Tourists

345. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate facilities are not available in the country for low-budget tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need for the establishment of Yatri Niwas type accommodation for low-budget and domestic tourists;

(c) if so, what steps are being proposed for the establishment of Yatri Niwas/Motels/Hotels in various parts of the country; and

(d) whether any amount of money has been earmarked for the same during the current financial year and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Facilities like Yatri Niwases and Yatrikas are being made available in the country for low-budget tourists. However, there is a demand for establishment of more such facilities to meet the requirements of domestic tourists.

(c) During the 7th Five Year Plan so far the construction of 30 Yatri Niwases has been taken up, in various parts of the country. 22 new proposals of Yatri Niwases for 1990-91 have also been received from the State Governments.

There is also a social organisation called Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti which constructs Yatrikas (Dharamsalas, Musafirkhanas and Sarais) at pilgrim centres. Department of Tourism provides grants in aid to the extent of 90 per cent of the cost of construction to Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti. During 7th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism has also sanctioned three Motels at a total cost of Rs. 104.00 lacs, one each at Ankleshwar (Gujarat), Biora (Madhya Pradesh) and at Patiala (Punjab). Besides this there are 77 one star and 185 two star approved Hotels functioning in India. Further 15 one star hotel projects and 67 two star hotel projects have been approved by the Department of Tourism.

(d) During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 172.00 lacs has been sanctioned for the purpose of construction of Yatri Niwases and Rs. 20.00 lacs for the construction of Yatrikas which amounts to a total of Rs. 192.00 lacs.

Trade Turnover during India International Trade Fair, 1989

346. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the India International Trade Fair, 1989 held recently in Delhi;

(b) what are the details of the trade turnover during that Fair; and

(c) whether any agreements were entered into with other countries during that Fair in respect of India's exports and imports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) While IITF 1989 covered various aspects of industry, agriculture, trade, science and technology etc., the special displays were on:—

(i) Environment—Air, Water, Earth; and

(ii) Essential Oils, Fragrances, and Flavours.

(b) and (c) It is difficult to quantify the business booked and agreements signed during the fair because business usually results over a period of time after the fair. The principal objectives of the IITF are to facilitate business contacts, project export capabilities, to offer technology options to Indian industry and create greater awareness among the Indian public about developments in different fields.